

Appendix I Consultations

I.1 DNSC CONSULTATION CORRESPONDENCE

As described in Section 5.3, certain statutes and regulations require consultations with Federal and state agencies and federally recognized Native American groups regarding the potential for mercury management alternatives to disturb sensitive ecological, cultural, and Native American resources. The Defense National Stockpile Center (DNSC) has conducted the required consultations with Federal and state agencies and federally recognized Native American groups. This appendix contains copies of the consultation letters sent by DNSC to Federal and state agencies and Native American groups, and any written responses provided by those agencies or groups. Attachments to responses are not included, but are, nevertheless, part of the administrative record.



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April 2, 2003

Ronald Hellmich
Division of Nature Preserves
Indiana Department of Natural Resources
402 W. Washington Street, Room W267
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Dear Mr. Hellmich:

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There are several wetland areas present at the New Haven Depot. However, no endangered, threatened or rare species were identified as being on or in the vicinity of the depot.

Consistent with the Endangered Species Act, DNSC requests that your office provide any additional information on the presence of any state protected animal and plant species, both listed and proposed, in the vicinity of the New Haven Depot. Information on the habitats of these species would also be appreciated. DNSC further requests information on any other species of concern that are known to occur or potentially occur in the vicinity of the depot.

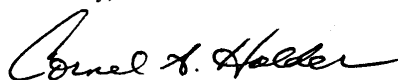
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If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Lynch at (703) 767-7609 or via e-mail at Dennis.Lynch@dla.mil.

Sincerely,



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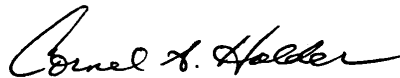
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April 2, 2003

Jon C. Smith, Director
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402 West Washington Street, Room W274
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2739

Dear Mr. Smith:

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that the Defense National Stockpile Center (DNOSC) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) concerning the long-term management of excess elemental mercury currently stored at four locations in the United States. DNOSC stores 4,890 tons of mercury at these locations.

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DNOSC's preferred alternative is consolidated storage. This means that DNOSC believes that storing the mercury at one site is the best way to meet its objectives. However, no final decision will be made until after the public has provided comments on the Draft EIS. DNOSC does not have a site preference at this time.

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With this letter we are soliciting specific concerns the State Historic Preservation Officer may have about the proposal. Although the Draft EIS does not predict impacts on eligible historic structures or archeological resources, this informal consultation is being undertaken in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

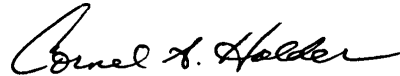
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John Dunnagan, Vice-Chief
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Dear Mr. Dunnagan:

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Although the Draft EIS does not predict impacts on Native American resources, this informal consultation is being undertaken in the spirit of Executive Memorandum (29 April 1994) entitled, "Government-to-Government Relations with Native American Tribal

Governments.” It is also in accordance with consultations for compliance with the American Indian Religious Freedom Act (AIRFA) (PL 95-341) and the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) (PL 101-601).

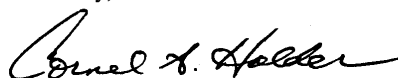
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Andy Didun
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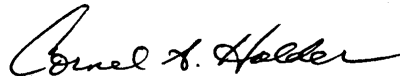
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Cliff Day, Administrator
 New Jersey Field Office
 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
 927 North Main Street
 Heritage Square, Building D
 Pleasantville, New Jersey 08232

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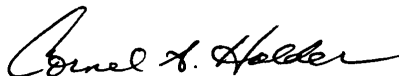
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Dorothy Guzzo, Administrator
Historic Preservation Program
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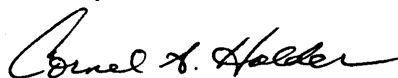
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Dear Ms. Jenkins:

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The Warren Depot, located in Trumbull County, would receive the mercury should that facility be chosen as the consolidated storage site. The storage space requirement at the Warren Depot would increase from 40,000 ft² within one existing warehouse to 200,000 ft² within one or two existing warehouses. The current safety and security features and operations would remain unchanged. Preliminary analyses suggest that overall impacts on ecological resources from storing the excess mercury would be limited because there would be no additional land disturbance. Moving the stockpile to the Warren Depot would require 267 truck shipments or 134 railcar shipments. The impact of shipping the mercury from the other depots is considered to be minor.

There are wetland areas adjacent to the Warren Depot. However, no endangered, threatened, or rare species were identified as being on or in the vicinity of the depot.

Consistent with the Endangered Species Act, DNSC requests that your office provide any additional information on the presence of any state protected animal and plant species, both listed and proposed, in the vicinity of the Warren Depot. Information on the habitats of these species would also be appreciated. DNSC further requests information on any other species of concern that are known to occur or potentially occur in the vicinity of the depot.

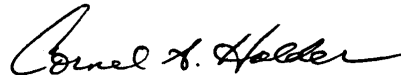
For your information, I am enclosing a copy of the *Natural Resources Assessment for Defense Logistics Agency/Defense National Stockpile Center, Warren, Indiana, July 1998*. This report concludes that no threatened or endangered species were found at the Warren Depot.

As part of Defense Logistics Agency's National Environmental Policy Act process, DNSC encourages you to identify any concerns or issues that you believe should be addressed in the EIS. To facilitate incorporation of your input into the Final EIS, please provide a written response by July 18, 2003. Please mail your response to:

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Defense National Stockpile Center
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If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Lynch at (703) 767-7609 or via e-mail at Dennis.Lynch@dla.mil.

Sincerely,



Cornel A. Holder
Administrator

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April 2, 2003

Mary Knapp, Field Supervisor
Reynoldsburg Ecological Services Field Office
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
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Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068-4127

Dear Ms. Knapp:

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that the Defense National Stockpile Center (DNSC) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) concerning the long-term management of excess elemental mercury currently stored at four locations in the United States. DNSC stores 4,890 tons of mercury at these locations.

DNSC published its Notice of Intent to prepare the *Mercury Management Environmental Impact Statement* in the Federal Register (Vol. 66, No. 24) on February 5, 2001. The purpose is to select and implement an environmentally sound and cost-effective alternative for the long-term (i.e., 40 years) management of excess DNSC elemental mercury.

The *Draft Mercury Management Environmental Impact Statement* (Draft EIS), a copy of which is enclosed for your review, examines and analyzes the potential environmental impacts for three alternatives: (1) consolidated storage at one of the current DNSC mercury storage sites (i.e., New Haven Depot, New Haven, Indiana; Somerville Depot, Hillsborough, New Jersey; and Warren Depot, Warren, Ohio); or at some other location to be determined; (2) no action, maintaining storage at the four existing sites; and (3) sale of the mercury inventory.

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The Warren Depot, located in Trumbull County, would receive the mercury should that facility be chosen as the consolidated storage site. The storage space requirement at the Warren Depot would increase from 40,000 ft² within one existing warehouse to 200,000 ft² within one or two existing warehouses. The current safety and security features and operations would remain unchanged. Preliminary analyses suggest that overall impacts on ecological resources from storing the excess mercury would be limited because there would be no additional land disturbance. Moving the stockpile to the Warren Depot would require 267 truck shipments or

134 railcar shipments. The impact of shipping the mercury from the other depots is considered to be minor. There are wetland areas adjacent to the Warren Depot. However, no endangered, threatened, or rare species were identified as being on or in the vicinity of the depot.

Consistent with the Endangered Species Act, DNSC requests that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service provide any additional information on the presence of threatened and endangered animal and plant species, both listed and proposed, in the vicinity of the Warren Depot. Information on the habitats of these species would also be appreciated. DNSC further requests information on any other species of concern that are known to occur or potentially occur in the vicinity of the depot.

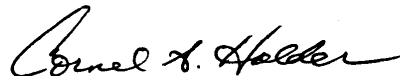
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If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Lynch at (703) 767-7609 or via e-mail at Dennis.Lynch@dla.mil.

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April 2, 2003

Mark Epstein, Department Head
Resource Protection and Review
Ohio Preservation Office
567 East Hudson Street
Columbus, Ohio 43211-1030

Dear Mr. Smith:

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that the Defense National Stockpile Center (DNSC) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) concerning the long-term management of excess elemental mercury currently stored at four locations in the United States. DNSC stores 4,890 tons of mercury at these locations.

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The *Draft Mercury Management Environmental Impact Statement* (Draft EIS), a copy of which is enclosed for your review, examines and analyzes the potential environmental impacts for three alternatives: (1) consolidated storage at one of the current DNSC mercury storage sites (i.e., New Haven Depot, New Haven, Indiana; Somerville Depot, Hillsborough, New Jersey; and Warren Depot, Warren, Ohio); or at some other location to be determined; (2) no action, maintaining storage at the four existing sites; and (3) sale of the mercury inventory.

DNSC's preferred alternative is consolidated storage. This means that DNSC believes that storing the mercury at one site is the best way to meet its objectives. However, no final decision will be made until after the public has provided comments on the Draft EIS. DNSC does not have a site preference at this time.

The Warren Depot, located in Trumbull County, would receive the mercury should that facility be chosen as the consolidated storage site. The storage space requirement at the Warren Depot would increase from 40,000 ft² within one existing warehouse to 200,000 ft² within one or two existing warehouses. The current safety and security features and operations would remain unchanged. No impacts are anticipated with this action as any modifications to the warehouses would be internal and onsite property would not be disturbed.

With this letter we are soliciting specific concerns the State Historic Preservation Officer may have about the proposal. Although the Draft EIS does not predict impacts on eligible historic structures or archeological resources, this informal consultation is being undertaken in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

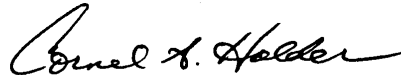
For your information, I am enclosing a copy of the *Cultural Resources Assessment for Defense Logistics Agency/Defense National Stockpile Center, Warren, Trumbull County, Ohio, February 1999*. This report concluded that no historic or prehistoric archeological sites were found and no further work was recommended.

If you have any specific concerns or questions about the EIS proposal, we would like to hear from you. To facilitate incorporation of your input into the Final EIS, please provide a written response by July 18, 2003. Please mail your response to:

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April 2, 2003

Reggie Reeves
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Nashville, Tennessee 37243

Dear Mr. Reeves:

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that the Defense National Stockpile Center (DNSC) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) concerning the long-term management of excess elemental mercury currently stored at four locations in the United States, including the Department of Energy's Y-12 National Security Complex (Y-12). DNSC stores 4,890 tons of mercury at these locations.

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The *Draft Mercury Management Environmental Impact Statement* (Draft EIS), a copy of which is enclosed for your review, examines and analyzes the potential environmental impacts for three alternatives: (1) consolidated storage at one of the current DNSC mercury storage sites (i.e., New Haven Depot, New Haven, Indiana; Somerville Depot, Hillsborough, New Jersey; and Warren Depot, Warren, Ohio); or at some other location to be determined; (2) no action, maintaining storage at the four existing sites; and (3) sale of the mercury inventory.

DNSC's preferred alternative is consolidated storage. This means that DNSC believes that storing the mercury at one site is the best way to meet its objectives. However, no final decision will be made until the public has provided comments on the Draft EIS. DNSC does not have a site preference at this time. Y-12 is not being considered for consolidated storage.

Y-12, located in Anderson County, currently stores 770 tons of DNSC elemental mercury. Preliminary analyses suggest that overall impacts on ecological resources from storing the excess mercury would be limited because there would be no additional land disturbance. Removing the DNSC mercury from Y-12 under the Consolidated Storage and Sales Alternatives would require 49 truck shipments or 25 railcar shipments. The impact of shipping the mercury from Y-12 is considered to be minor.

There are wetland areas present and two Federal listed species have been observed near Y-12. Animal species include the bald eagle and gray bat. While potential habitat necessary to support threatened, endangered, or rare species exists on the Oak Ridge Reservation, such habitat does not exist near the mercury storage buildings.

Consistent with the Endangered Species Act, DNSC requests that your office provide any additional information on the presence of any state protected animal and plant species, both listed and proposed, in the vicinity of Y-12. Information on the habitats of these species would also be appreciated. DNSC further requests information on any other species of concern that are known to occur or potentially occur in the vicinity of Y-12.

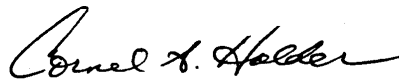
For your information, I am enclosing a copy of a recent consultation performed with your office as part of the Department of Energy's *Final Site-Wide Environmental Impact Statement for the Y-12 National Security Complex, September 2001*. This letter states: "We don't anticipate any significant impact of the facility upgrade on rare wildlife species."

As part of Defense Logistics Agency's National Environmental Policy Act process, DNSC encourages you to identify any concerns or issues that you believe should be addressed in the EIS. To facilitate incorporation of your input into the Final EIS, please provide a written response by July 18, 2003. Please mail your response to:

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If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Lynch at (703) 767-7609 or via e-mail at Dennis.Lynch@dla.mil.

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April 2, 2003

Jim Widlak
Cookeville Field Office
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
446 Neal Street
Cookeville, Tennessee 38501

Dear Mr. Widlak:

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that the Defense National Stockpile Center (DNOSC) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) concerning the long-term management of excess elemental mercury currently stored at four locations in the United States, including the Department of Energy's Y-12 National Security Complex (Y-12). DNOSC stores 4,890 tons of mercury at these locations.

DNOSC published its Notice of Intent to prepare the *Mercury Management Environmental Impact Statement* in the Federal Register (Vol. 66, No. 24) on February 5, 2001. The purpose is to select and implement an environmentally sound and cost-effective alternative for the long-term (i.e., 40 years) management of excess DNOSC elemental mercury.

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DNOSC's preferred alternative is consolidated storage. This means that DNOSC believes that storing the mercury at one site is the best way to meet its objectives. However, no final decision will be made until the public has provided comments on the Draft EIS. DNOSC does not have a site preference at this time. Y-12 is not being considered for consolidated storage.

Y-12, located in Anderson County, Tennessee, currently stores 770 tons of DNOSC elemental mercury. Preliminary analyses suggest that overall impacts on ecological resources from storing the excess mercury would be limited because there would be no additional land disturbance. Removing the DNOSC mercury from Y-12 under the Consolidated Storage and Sales Alternatives would require 49 truck shipments or 25 railcar shipments. The impact of shipping the mercury from Y-12 is considered to be minor.

There are wetland areas present and two Federal listed species have been observed near Y-12. Animal species include the bald eagle and gray bat. While potential habitat necessary to support threatened, endangered, or rare species exists on the Oak Ridge Reservation, such habitat does not exist near the mercury storage buildings.

Consistent with the Endangered Species Act, DNSC requests that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service provide any additional information on the presence of threatened and endangered animal and plant species, both listed and proposed, in the vicinity of Y-12. Information on the habitats of these species would also be appreciated. DNSC further requests information on any other species of concern that are known to occur or potentially occur in the vicinity of Y-12.

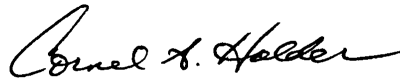
For your information, I am enclosing a copy of a recent consultation performed with your office as part of the Department of Energy's *Final Site-Wide Environmental Impact Statement for the Y-12 National Security Complex, September 2001*. This letter notes that the Indiana bat may also occur on or near Y-12.

As part of Defense Logistics Agency's National Environmental Policy Act process, DNSC encourages the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to identify any concerns or issues that it believes should be addressed in the EIS. To facilitate incorporation of your input into the Final EIS, please provide a written response by July 18, 2003. Please mail your response to:

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If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Lynch at (703) 767-7609 or via e-mail at Dennis.Lynch@dla.mil.

Sincerely,



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April 2, 2003

Herbert L. Harper, Deputy
Tennessee Historical Commission
Clover Bottom Mansion
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Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0442

Dear Mr. Harper:

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that the Defense National Stockpile Center (DNSC) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) concerning the long-term management of excess elemental mercury currently stored at four locations in the United States, including the Department of Energy's Y-12 National Security Complex (Y-12). DNSC stores 4,890 tons of mercury at these locations.

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DNSC's preferred alternative is consolidated storage. This means that DNSC believes that storing the mercury at one site is the best way to meet its objectives. However, no final decision will be made until after the public has provided comments on the Draft EIS. DNSC does not have a site preference at this time. Y-12 is not being considered for consolidated storage.

Y-12, located in Anderson County, currently stores 770 tons of DNSC elemental mercury. No impacts are anticipated with this action as onsite buildings and property would not be disturbed.

With this letter we are soliciting specific concerns the State Historic Preservation Officer may have about the proposal. Although the Draft EIS does not predict impacts on eligible historic structures or archeological resources, this informal consultation is being undertaken in

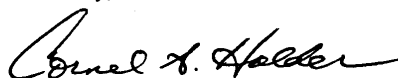
accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. For your information, I am enclosing a copy of a recent consultation performed with your office as part of the Department of Energy's *Final Site-Wide Environmental Impact Statement for the Y-12 National Security Complex, September 2001*.

If you have any specific concerns or questions about the EIS proposal, we would like to hear from you. To facilitate incorporation of your input into the Final EIS, please provide a written response by July 18, 2003. Please mail your response to:

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April 2, 2003

Danny Childes
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
P.O. Box 455
Cherokee, North Carolina 28719

Dear Mr. Childes:

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that the Defense National Stockpile Center (DNSC) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) concerning the long-term management of excess mercury currently stored at four locations in the United States, including the Department of Energy's Y-12 National Security Complex (Y-12). DNSC stores 4,890 tons of mercury at these locations.

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DNSC's preferred alternative is consolidated storage. This means that DNSC believes that storing the mercury at one site is the best way to meet its objectives. However, no final decision will be made until after the public has provided comments on the Draft EIS. DNSC does not have a site preference at this time. Y-12 is not being considered for consolidated storage.

Y-12, located in Anderson County, Tennessee, currently stores 770 tons of DNSC elemental mercury. No Native American resources have been identified near the mercury storage building and no archeological impacts are anticipated from this action as the building and onsite property would not be disturbed.

Although the Draft EIS does not predict impacts on Native American resources, this informal consultation is being undertaken in the spirit of Executive Memorandum (29 April 1994) entitled, "Government-to-Government Relations with Native American Tribal

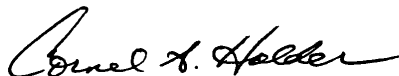
Governments.” It is also in accordance with consultations for compliance with the American Indian Religious Freedom Act (AIRFA) (PL 95-341) and the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) (PL 101-601).

If you have any specific concerns or questions about the EIS proposal, we would like to hear from you. To facilitate incorporation of your input into the Final EIS, please provide a written response by July 18, 2003. Please mail your response to:

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April 2, 2003

Glenn H. Clemmer, Program Manager
Nevada Natural Heritage Program
Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
1550 East College Parkway, Suite 137
Carson City, Nevada 89706-7921

Dear Mr. Clemmer:

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that the Defense National Stockpile Center (DNSC) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) concerning the long-term management of excess elemental mercury currently stored at four locations in the United States. DNSC stores 4,890 tons of mercury at these locations.

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DNSC's preferred alternative is consolidated storage. This means that DNSC believes that storing the mercury at one site is the best way to meet its objectives. However, no final decision will be made until the public has provided comments on the Draft EIS. DNSC does not have a site preference at this time.

The Hawthorne Army Depot, located in Mineral County, would receive the mercury should that facility be chosen as the consolidated storage site. Mercury would be stored in 20 existing warehouses in the Group 102 Area or in 125 igloos in the Group 5 Area. Preliminary analyses suggest that overall impacts on ecological resources from transporting and storing the excess mercury would be limited because there would be no additional land disturbance. Moving the stockpile to the Hawthorne Army Depot would require 308 truck shipments or 156 railcar shipments. The impact of shipping the mercury from the other depots is considered to be minor.

There are wetland areas present and two Federal threatened species have been observed on the Hawthorne Army Depot. Animal species include the bald eagle and lahontan cutthroat trout. While potential habitat necessary to support threatened, endangered, or rare species exists on the depot, such habitat does not exist near the storage buildings.

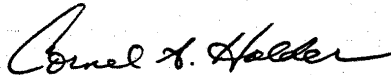
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As part of Defense Logistics Agency's National Environmental Policy Act process, DNSC encourages you to identify any concerns or issues that you believe should be addressed in the EIS. To facilitate incorporation of your input into the Final EIS, please provide a written response by July 18, 2003. Please mail your response to:

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April 2, 2003

Henry Maddux, Field Supervisor
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West Valley City, Utah 84119-7679

Dear Mr. Maddux:

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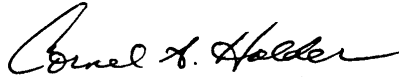
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Cornel A. Holder
Administrator

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IN REPLY
REFER TO

DNSC-E

April 2, 2003

Rebecca Palmer
Historic Preservation Office
100 N. Stewart Street
Carson City, Nevada 89701-4285

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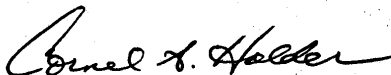
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April 2, 2003

Ms. Lydia Sam, Chairman
Battle Mountain Band Council
37 Mountain View Drive #C
Battle Mountain, Nevada 89820

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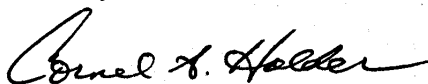
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- Duckwater Shoshone Tribal Council, Tony Baca
- Elko Band Council, Davis Gonzalez
- Ely Colony Council, Jerry Charles
- Fallon Business Council, Merlyn Dixon
- Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe, Alvin Moyle
- Ft. McDermitt Paiute-Shoshone Tribes, Arnold Sam
- Goshute Business Council, Edmund Steele
- Las Vegas Colony, Kenny Anderson
- Las Vegas Indian Center
- Lovelock Tribal Council, Rodney George
- Moapa Business Council, Rosalyn Mike
- Nevada Urban Indians
- Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Council, Gerry Emm
- Reno-Sparks Tribal Council, Arlan Melendez
- Shoshone-Paiute Tribes, William Beck
- South Fork Band Council, Vince Garcia
- Summit Lake Paiute Tribe, Robert Sam
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April 2, 2003

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Threatened and Endangered Species
Wildlife Resources Division
Utah Department of Natural Resources
1594 West North Temple
Salt Lake City, Utah 84116

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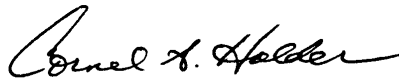
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April 2, 2003

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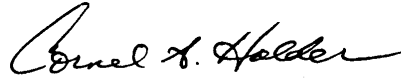
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April 2, 2003

Wilson Martin
State Historic Preservation Officer
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300 Rio Grande
Salt Lake City, UT 84101

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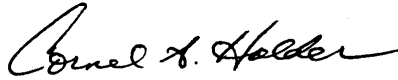
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April 2, 2003

Leon Bear, Chairman
Band of Goshute Indians General Council
3359 S. Main Street, #808
Salt Lake City, Utah 84115

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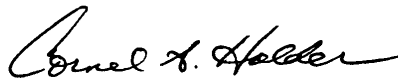
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25 June 2003

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Re: DNR #10222 - Mercury Management Draft EIS; Allen County

Dear Mr. Lynch:

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources has reviewed the above referenced project per your request. Our agency offers the following comments for your information and in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

Formal approval by the Department of Natural Resources under the regulatory programs administered by the Division of Water is not required for this project.

The Natural Heritage Program's data have been checked. To date, no plant or animal species listed as state or federally threatened, endangered, or rare have been reported to occur in the project vicinity.

Our agency appreciates this opportunity to be of service and apologizes for not being able to respond sooner in this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact Christie Kiefer, Environmental Coordinator at (317) 232-4160 or at 1-877-928-3755 if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

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Michael W. Neyer, PE
Director
Division of Water

Note: Please include the above DNR # on any future correspondence regarding this project.

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United States Department of the Interior

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November 14, 2003

Attention: Project Manager
MM EIS, DNSC-E
Defense National Stockpile Center
8725 John J. Kingman Road, Suite 3229
Fort Belvoir, Virginia 22060-6223

Dear Sir or Madam:

In June of 2003, Region 3 of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Mercury Management by the Defense Stockpile Center; Nevada, Indiana, Tennessee, New York, New Jersey, Utah, and Ohio. We provided comments to our Washington Office for consolidation into the overall Service comments to be sent to the Department of the Interior for incorporation into the Department's response to your agency. However, it has come to our attention that our comments were not included in the Department's letter of August 8, 2003. In response to an inquiry from the project consultant, Science Applications International Corporation, we are providing our original comments to you as they may be of some assistance in the preparation of the Final EIS and in other aspects of your decision making process. These comments deal only with the Indiana portion of the project. Our Reynoldsburg, Ohio, Field Office had provided a "no comment" response with respect to the Warren Depot, Ohio, aspects of the project.

SERVICE COMMENTS CONCERNING INDIANA PORTION OF PROJECT

Habitat and Water Quality

The DEIS does an adequate job of addressing the transportation and operational risks and impacts of the three proposed alternatives on wildlife habitat and water quality for the New Haven Depot in Allen County, Indiana.

Federally Listed Threatened and Endangered Species

There are three species with federal status whose range in Indiana includes Allen County: the Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*), the bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*), and the eastern massasauga rattlesnake (*Sistrurus catenatus catenatus*).

The Indiana bat is listed as federally endangered. The bat uses woodlands during the summer when maternity colonies utilize trees with loose bark for nesting. These bats forage primarily over wooded stream corridors, although they have been collected in grazed woodlots, mature deciduous forests, and pastures with trees. There are no recent records for the Indiana bat in Allen County and the site does not appear to provide any suitable habitat.

The bald eagle is listed as federally threatened. Allen County has some wintering records for bald eagles. Bald eagles nest in close proximity to lakes, rivers, or reservoirs. The eagles construct their nests near habitat ecotones, such as lakeshores, rivers, and timber management areas (clearcuts or selective cuts). Tolerance of human activity during the nesting season has been variable, but, ideally, human disturbance of eagles should be avoided. The bald eagle's food base from the watershed includes carrion, waterfowl, and especially fish. The proposed project should not have any impacts on bald eagles or their habitat.

The eastern massasauga has been found in Allen County in a couple of the quadrangles on the west side of the City of Ft. Wayne. This species has recently been made a candidate species for listing under the Endangered Species Act (as amended). The habitat preference is varied and site dependent. Generally, they can be found in the grassy margins of wetlands, disturbed areas in early succession, and open areas such as prairies or meadows. The Allen County population is considered a disjunct population and the proposed project should not affect the snake or its habitat.

While the site itself does not provide habitat for any of the above mentioned species, the species may occur along the chosen transportation route(s) and should be briefly discussed in Chapter 3 (Affected Environment), Section 3.2.7.2.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments. If you have any questions concerning the comments and for continued technical assistance, please contact Robin McWilliams Munson of our Indiana Field Office (620 South Walker Street, Bloomington, Indiana 47403-2121) at (812) 334-4261 x 207 or you can call me at (612) 713-5330.

Sincerely,



Lynwood A. MacLean
Regional Project Review Coordinator

cc: Ms. Sharon Pietzyk
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May 9, 2003

Dennis Lynch
Mercury Management EIS, DNSC-E
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Federal Agency: U.S. Department of Defense

Re: Draft Mercury Management Environmental Impact Statement (Reilly, 2003) for
the consolidated storage of mercury

Dear Mr. Lynch:

Pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. § 470f) and 36 C.F.R. Part 800, the Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer ("Indiana SHPO") has conducted an analysis of the materials dated April 2, 2003, and received by the Indiana SHPO on April 8, 2003, for the above indicated project in New Haven, Jefferson Township, Allen County, Indiana.

Thank you for providing our office an opportunity to comment on the environmental assessment. Based upon the information provided, we do not have any additional comments.

If you have any further questions, please call Karie A. Brudis of our office at (317) 232-1646.

Very truly yours,

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June 17, 2003

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Dear Mr. Holder:

I am writing in reply to your April 2, 2003 letter to Andy Didun requesting information on state-listed endangered and threatened (E & T) species near the Somerville Depot in Hillsborough, New Jersey. I have reviewed our database of E & T species locations and Landscape Project maps that delineate critical E & T habitat in New Jersey for any potential impacts from the proposed management of excess mercury at the Somerville Depot.

The nearest grassland bird habitat is located approximately 0.1 mi. to the northwest of the Somerville Depot between the railroad tracks and Dukes Brook and extends to the north. Additional grassland bird habitat is located approximately 1.4 mi. to the west of Somerville Depot. Despite the close proximity of suitable grassland bird habitat to the site, it is our opinion that the proposed project will not result in any adverse impacts to these species.

The nearest wood turtle habitat is located more than 1.5 mi. to the south. The proposed project will have no impact on wood turtle populations in the vicinity of Somerville Depot.

Please be advised that any future correspondence pertaining to state-listed endangered and threatened species should be directed to: Larry Niles, Chief, Endangered and Nongame Species Program, P.O. Box 400, Trenton, NJ 08625-0400.

Sincerely,

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Michael Valent
Principal Zoologist

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United States Department of the Interior

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Dennis Lynch
 Mercury Management EIS, DNSC-E
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Re: *Draft Mercury Management Environmental Impact Statement, April 2003; Draft Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessment Report, April 2003; and Natural Resources Assessment for Defense Logistics Agency / Defense National Stockpile Center, Somerville, New Jersey, June 1998.*

Dear Mr. Lynch:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) reviewed the referenced documents provided by the Defense National Stockpile Center (DNSC). The DNSC is working to select and implement an approach for the 40-year management of the national defense stockpile of elemental mercury, which is no longer needed for defense. The stockpile is stored in 128,762 - 76 lb. steel flasks at four facilities across the country. In an April 2, 2003 cover letter presenting the referenced documents, the DNSC requested input from the Service on the presence or absence of federally listed threatened or endangered species in the vicinity of the Somerville Depot, Somerset County, New Jersey. The Somerville Depot houses 75,980 of the steel flasks. The flasks sit in sealed drums on drip pans in open warehouses. The DNSC has proposed three alternatives for the management of the national stockpile:

1. keep the stockpile at the four locations (no action alternative);
2. consolidate the stockpile at one of the four locations (preferred alternative); and
3. sell the stockpile in bulk or gradually to overseas markets.

AUTHORITY

The following comments provide technical assistance for federally listed threatened and endangered species only and do not constitute consultation for any project pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (87 Stat. 884, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) or comments by the Service as afforded by the December 22, 1993 Memorandum of Agreement among the

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP), and the Service, if project implementation requires a permit from the NJDEP pursuant to the New Jersey Freshwater Wetlands Protection Act (N.J.S.A. 13:9B *et seq.*); nor do they preclude comments on any environmental documents pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 as amended (83 Stat. 852; 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*).

THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES

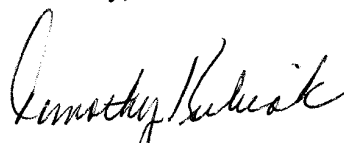
Except for an occasional transient bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*), no other federally listed or proposed threatened or endangered flora or fauna under Service jurisdiction are known to occur within the vicinity of the Somerville Depot. The nearest known active site for such a species is at least 10 miles from the depot. This letter provides information on federally threatened and endangered species in the immediate vicinity of the Somerville Depot only. The New Jersey Field Office cannot provide Section 7 consultation on the alternatives discussed in the draft EIS or all potential impacts (*e.g.*, from transportation) without knowledge that consolidation is the selected alternative, that consolidation would occur at the Somerville Depot, and without information for how, when, and where the material would be transported. The responsibility of such a consultation would go to a regional or national office in order to consolidate comments on the inter-state movement of hazardous material.

Additional comments have been provided to the Service's Northeast Regional Office and will be incorporated into a more comprehensive response to the referenced documents. For further information regarding coordination with our Regional Office, please contact:

Tom Healy, Acting Regional Director
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
300 Westgate Center Drive
Hadley, MA 01035
(413) 253-8300

Thank you for the opportunity to review the *Draft Mercury Management Environmental Impact Statement*, *Draft Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessment Report*, and *Natural Resources Assessment for Defense Logistics Agency / Defense National Stockpile Center, Somerville, New Jersey*. If you have any questions regarding the above comments, please contact Brian Marsh of my staff at (609) 646-9310 extension 21.

Sincerely,


for Clifford G. Day
Supervisor



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Attn: Dennis Lynch
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Dear Mr. Lynch:

As Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer for New Jersey, in accordance with 36 CFR Part 800: Protection of Historic Properties, as published in the Federal Register 11 January 2001 (64 FR 77698 - 77739), I am providing Consultation Comments for the following project:

Somerville Borough, Somerset County
Somerville Depot (mercury storage site)
Draft Mercury Management Environmental Impact Statement
US Department of Defense, Army

§ 800.4 Identification of Historic Properties

Review of the Historic Preservation Office's resources indicate that there are no properties listed on or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places within the US Department of Defense, Somerville Depot. In addition, none of the proposed management alternatives outlined in the Draft EIS are anticipated to result in exterior alterations to existing buildings or new construction within the Somerville Depot. Therefore, I concur with your finding that there are no historic properties affected within the project's area of potential effects. Consequently, pursuant to 36 CFR 800.4(d)(1), no further Section 106 consultation is required unless additional resources are discovered during project implementation pursuant to 36 CFR 800.13.

Additional Comments

We look forward to continuing consultation with you in the future. Should there be any further questions, please contact either of the following members of my staff: Daniel Saunders at (609) 633-2397 or Pilar LaValley at (609) 777-4473.

Sincerely,

Dorothy P. Gizzo
Deputy State Historic
Preservation Officer

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October 28, 2003

Dennis Lynch
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RE: Draft mercury management Environmental Impact Statement
Warren Deppot
Trumbull County, OH

Dear Mr. Lynch:

This letter is in response to your request for information on the presence of any state protected animal and plant species, both listed and proposed, and any other species of concern known to occur or potentially occur in the vicinity of the Warren Depot.

The project is in the historical range of the Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*), a state and federally endangered species. If it is necessary to remove any trees to complete the project, it is recommended you first contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for guidance. It is also in the historical range of the Bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*), a federally threatened and state endangered species. For current information on the presence of bald eagles in the area it is recommended you contact Mark Shieldcastle of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Crane Creek Experiment Station at (419)898-0960.

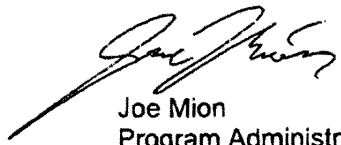
The project is also in the historical range of the Clubshell mussel (*Pleurobema clava*), a federally and state endangered species, the Eastern Massasauga (*Sistrurus catenatus*), a federal candidate species and state endangered species, the black bear (*Ursus americanus*), a state endangered species, the bobcat (*Felis rufus*), a state endangered species, the barn owl (*Tyto alba*), a state threatened species, the least bittern (*Ixobrychus exilis*), a state threatened species, the trumpeter swan (*Cygnus buccinator*), a state endangered species, and the yellow-bellied sapsucker (*Sphyrapicus varius*), a state endangered species.

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Natural Areas and Preserves maintains the Natural Heritage Database, the state's most comprehensive

record of Ohio threatened and endangered species. They also have the records of state or federally listed plant species. If you have not already done so, it is recommended you contact the Division of Natural Areas and Preserves at (614) 265-6453.

The ODNR, Division of Wildlife is available to provide guidance on avoiding or minimizing impacts to any listed fauna and/or their habitat. If you should need further assistance, feel free to contact Becky Jenkins at (614) 265-6631.

Sincerely,

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Joe Mion
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May 12, 2003

Attn: Dennis Lynch
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Dear Mr. Lynch:

This is in response to the submission of a draft environmental impact statement concerning stockpiled mercury. Our comments are submitted in accordance with the provisions of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (36 CFR 800).

As indicated in the draft EIS, previous cultural resource studies of the Warren Depot in Trumbull County, Ohio have determined that no historic properties are located on the facility. We concur that if the Warren Depot is selected to store the material no historic properties will be affected. No further coordination is required unless the scope of the work changes or historic properties are discovered during the course of the work. In such a situation, this office should be contacted as per 36 CFR 800.13.

If you have any questions please contact me at 298-2043 (or through e-mail at jquinlan@ohiohistory.org).

Sincerely,

Julie Quinlan, Program Reviews Manager
Resource Protection and Review

serno: 995935



United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

446 Neal Street
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July 8, 2003

Memorandum

To: Kevin Moody, NEPA Coordinator, FWS, Atlanta, GA

From: Lee A. Barclay, Field Supervisor (ES), FWS, Cookeville, TN *LAB (Action)*

Subject: Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Mercury Management by the Defense Stockpile Center, NV, IN, TN, NY, NJ, UT, OH (ER 03/348)

We have reviewed the DEIS and offer the following comments.

Comments

The preferred alternative is consolidated storage. Since a preferred location for the consolidated storage of mercury has not been identified, the Cookeville Field Office does not have any substantive comments on the DEIS at this time. The identification of potential environmental issues associated with current mercury management activities at the Oak Ridge Reservation is adequate.

If you have any questions concerning our comments, please contact Steve Alexander of my staff at 931/528-6481 (ext. 210) or via e-mail at steven_alexander@fws.gov.



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April 15, 2003

Mr. Cornel A. Holder
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RE: DOD, ORR/ELEMENTAL MERCURY MANAGEMENT, OAK RIDGE, ANDERSON COUNTY

Dear Mr. Holder:

In response to your request, received on Monday, April 7, 2003, we have reviewed the documents you submitted regarding your proposed undertaking. Our review of and comment on your proposed undertaking are among the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. This Act requires federal agencies or applicant for federal assistance to consult with the appropriate State Historic Preservation Office before they carry out their proposed undertakings. The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation has codified procedures for carrying out Section 106 review in 36 CFR 800. You may wish to familiarize yourself with these procedures (Federal Register, December 12, 2000, pages 77698-77739) if you are unsure about the Section 106 process.

Considering available information, we find that the project as currently proposed will NOT ADVERSELY AFFECT ANY PROPERTY THAT IS ELIGIBLE FOR LISTING IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES. Therefore, this office has no objection to the implementation of this project. Please direct questions and comments to Joe Garrison (615) 532-1550-103. You may find additional information concerning the Section 106 process and the Tennessee SHPO's documentation requirements at www.state.tn.us/environment/hist/sect106.htm. We appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely

Herbert L. Harper
Executive Director and
Deputy State Historic
Preservation Officer

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Attention: Project Manager
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Dear Sir or Madam:

The U. S. Department of the Interior has reviewed the April 2003, Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Mercury Management prepared by the Defense National Stockpile Center (DNSC). The Draft EIS was prepared to help DNSC determine how to manage its elemental mercury inventory over the long-term, as the mercury is no longer needed for national defense. Mercury is currently stockpiled in seven locations by the DNSC, and has accumulated and been maintained since the mid-1940's as part of the National Defense Stockpile Program, so that it would be available for defense or other critical uses during a national emergency. About 4,890 tons of mercury are in the stockpile and are stored in 128,662 steel flasks. The flasks are then stored in 30-gallon steel drums for additional protection. The primary goal for management of the mercury is the protection of human health and the environment. The Draft EIS evaluated the three primary alternatives:

1. No Action. This involves continued storage at three currently active DNSC storage locations: New Haven Depot, Indiana; Somerville Depot, New Jersey; and Warren Depot, Ohio. Continued storage at Y-12 at the Department of Energy National Security Complex, Oak Ridge, Tennessee is also included.
2. Consolidated Storage. This involves storage at any one of the three DNSC sites listed above, plus the following potential sites: Hawthorne Army Depot, Nevada; PEZ Lake Development, New York; and Utah Industrial Depot, Utah. This is the agency preferred alternative.
3. Sales: This includes two options: 1) selling mercury at the proposed maximum allowable market rate to producers over a period of years; and 2) the sale of the entire inventory to a mercury mining company with an agreement to reduce mercury mining to compensate for the release of DNSC mercury. Both alternatives assume overseas sales, most likely in Europe or Asia, since mercury is no longer mined in the United States.

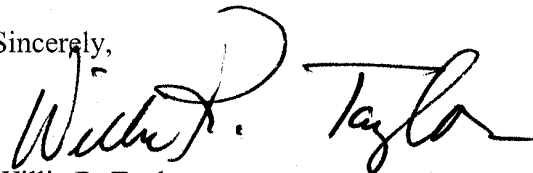
In principle, the Department would agree with the consolidated storage alternative which supports DNSC's long-term closure plans for several depots and makes the stored mercury available for future beneficial uses. However, the DNSC currently does not have a preference for one of the consolidated storage sites. Selection of one of these sites would be made in the Record of Decision.

The Department believes the least preferable site for consolidated long-term storage of mercury would be Hawthorne, Nevada. Hawthorne is located on the southern end of Walker Lake, one of only a few unique terminal desert lakes in the world. Walker Lake provides habitat to the threatened Lahontan cutthroat trout and provides important habitat for several species of fish-eating birds, including common loons, during spring and fall migration. Walker Lake is ecologically and environmentally stressed as the result of a continuing decline in lake levels, increased levels of total dissolved solids and salinity, elevated pH, increased water temperatures, and other contaminants. Lahontan cutthroat trout are maintained in the lake through stocking and must first be acclimated to waters of high total dissolved solids in order to survive. Tui chub in the lake failed to spawn in 2002, due to declining water quality conditions. Elevated mercury concentrations of 0.9 ppm were recently found in the tissue of fish collected from Walker Lake; this level is a potential threat to fish and fish-eating birds, e.g., common loons. The storage of mercury at the Hawthorne Army Depot would present a risk of contamination of Walker Lake due to a spill, and therefore, would not be the Department's preferred alternative.

One of the known truck transportation routes to Hawthorne Army Depot is U.S. Highway 95, which skirts the western shore of Walker Lake. A transportation accident involving a mercury shipment along this stretch of road could potentially provide an additional source of mercury to the lake. If Hawthorne would be selected for consolidated mercury storage, the Department suggests that State Route 362 be used as the mercury truck transportation route to the site. We suggest also that this recommendation be made a part of the Record of Decision.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Mercury Management Draft EIS. I hope that our comments are useful. If you have any questions regarding our comments, please contact Everett Wilson, Chief or Dr. Geoffrey A. Ekechukwu, of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Division of Environmental Quality at (703) 358-2148. You may also contact Ken Havran in the Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance at (202) 208-7116.

Sincerely,

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Willie R. Taylor
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April 14, 2003

RONALD M. JAMES
State Historic Preservation Officer

Mr. Dennis Lynch
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Re: Draft Mercury Management Environmental Impact Statement—Hawthorne Army Depot
Alternative

Dear Mr. Lynch:

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) has reviewed the above-referenced Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) prepared by the Defense Logistics Agency (Department of Defense) regarding three alternatives for management of excess elemental mercury currently stored at four locations in the United States. One of these alternatives involves storage in 20 existing warehouses in the Group 102 area or in 125 igloos in the Group 5 area of the Hawthorne Army Depot, Hawthorne, Mineral County, Nevada.

The EIS acknowledges that the subject buildings at Hawthorne Army Depot have previously been determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, and that archaeological surveys suggest a low probability of prehistoric subsurface finds in the proposed project area. Further, the EIS states that no impacts are anticipated with this action "as any modifications to the warehouse would be internal and onsite property would not be disturbed."

Should the Hawthorne Army Depot alternative be selected, and once the specific details of the project are established, the SHPO would expect formal consultation be initiated in compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, following regulations at 36CFR 800, *et. seq.*

If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact Mella Harmon, historic preservation specialist, 775-684-3447.

Sincerely,

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Alice M. Baldrice, Deputy
State Historic Preservation Officer

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cc: Jewell Benscoter, Environmental Assistant, Hawthorne Army Depot

From: Tad Williams [mailto:tadwms@gbis.com]

Sent: Thursday, July 10, 2003 1:26 PM

To: Dennis.Lynch@dla.mil

Subject: No Mercury by rail

Dear Mr. Lynch,

A legal settlement between our tribe and the Hawthorne Army Depot was reached years ago. This agreement says the rail through our Reservation is for munitions only. Mercury disposal would be a violation of this legal agreement if it was transported via rail through our Reservation.

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Mr. Lynch

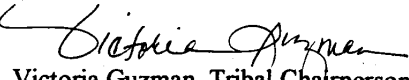
In response to the draft EIS Mercury Management Environmental Impact Statement, we are requesting formal consultation for proper government to government relations.

In the case of *United States and the Walker River Paiute Tribe, et al. v. Southern Pacific Transportation Co.*, we feel you would be in violation of this settlement if mercury were transported through or Reservation. It is our understanding that the rail line through our Reservation is for the Army to transport munitions and not for the transportation of mercury for storage.

Further, we could not find in the EIS specific impacts discussed if mercury were transported through our Reservation via rail or truck. This is a severe oversight if transportation routes are considered through our Reservation. It was quite alarming to see in the EIS that in some situations, there is a "moderate" chance for rail or truck accidents.

Please feel free to call me to schedule a time for you to meet here in Schurz, NV for formal government to government consultation as required by federal law and executive order to discuss your draft EIS.

Sincerely,


Victoria Guzman, Tribal Chairperson
WALKER RIVER PAIUTE TRIBE

